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*Spring is a time to  
refresh, renew, and  
rejuvenate.*

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## Neighborhoods, USA Conference This Month!

The 31st Annual Neighborhoods, USA conference will be here at the end of May! The conference will be held from Wednesday, May 24th to Saturday, May 27th at the Bartle Hall Convention Center. Lodging is available at the Downtown Marriott if you don't want to drive into downtown every day; be sure to mention NUSA to get the conference room rate!

This will be the first time since the beginning that Neighborhoods, USA has met in the Kansas City metropolitan area; it began here in 1976 with co-organizers Judy Lafoon of Kansas City and Howard Hallman of Washington, D.C., and has grown to thousands of grass-roots neighborhood organizers, community activists, and municipal employees sharing knowledge, stories, and successes! Already

more than 600 people are enrolled for the conference, but local Kansas City area

residents have an advantage, as there are more attendance opportunities available to you at a cheaper rate!

Planned for this year's conference are:

- more than 50 workshops,
- three forums on neighborhood issues,
- 25 Neighborhood Pride tours,
- many special events and guest speakers.

For more information, including an online registration system and forms, visit <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/nusa>, or see page 3 for a quick-and-easy form for local folks!



CONFERENCE

## StoryCorps Mobile Booth in KC this Summer

StoryCorps, a national oral history project dedicated to preserving America's stories in sound, is coming to the Kansas City metropolitan area this summer. What does our community sound like? Who are the people at the heart of Kansas City? StoryCorps wants to hear everyone's story, from the barber down the street to your grandfather's best friend.

The StoryCorps Mobile Booth offers participants the opportunity to record the stories, voices, and wisdom of friends and loved ones. The audio project, sponsored by National Public Radio and affiliated with the Library of Congress, was established to create an oral history of regular citizens, allowing everyday Americans to preserve personal stories for their own families, and

for future generations across the country.

To spread the word about the project - and to help bring in diverse perspectives - the program is in the process of recruiting "outreach partners" to encourage local community members to participate.

Staffers from StoryCorps will be coming to Kansas City in **early June** (exact date to be announced) to provide an informational session; if you'd like to attend, please contact Laura Spencer of KCUR-FM at or 816-235-2878 or by e-mail at [spencerl@umkc.edu](mailto:spencerl@umkc.edu).

For more information, please visit <http://www.kcur.org> or <http://storycorps.net/>, the national website.

HISTORY

Room	Thursday, May 25 9:45—11:15 am	Thursday, May 25 1:45—3:15 pm	Friday, May 26 8:45—10:15 am	Friday, May 26 10:30 am —12:00 pm
2201	Organizing Neighborhood Association/Watches from Beginning to ?	Leading With Style And Grace	Developing A Process For Mediating Neighborhood Disputes	The Underground Railroad: The Original Grassroots Collaboration
2202	Neighbors In Action	A Case Study In Successful Public Participation	Dealing With The Media	Community Politics
2203	Crime Prevention Through Code Enforcement	Getting Your Message Across	Neighborhood Alert Centers	The Faith Connection To Community Participation
2204	All About NUSA—Running For The NUSA Board		One Is The Loneliest Number	Jumping In With A Mission And Lots Of Feet
2205	Intergenerational Planning: Ways Young People And Adults Can Come Together To Plan For Issues That Affect Their Communities	Reality Drug Prevention Program In Your Community!	Keep Kids Alive Drive 25: Safe Streets Can't Be Beat	The Little Rock Experience: Successful Strategies For Financing, Implementing and Evaluating Community-Based Youth Development Programs
2206	Building Youth Coalitions—Bridging The Gap To Success	Reclaiming The Community	Healthy Alternatives In Urban Neighborhoods	KC Safe City Initiative Safe School Zone Project
2207	Arts, Technology, Youth And Jobs: Making Our Community Better	Neighborhood Inventories—The Next Generation	Omaha Neighborhood Scan: A Community And Technology Based Participatory Research Process To Address Neighborhood Housing Issues	Building Neighborhoods Online
2208	Mt. Cleveland Initiative And The Catalyst For Redevelopment Model	Criminal Abatement Program	Problem Properties Workshop	Synopsis Of The Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program
2209	Funding Opportunities With Federal Agencies	Sprawl And Violence Linked	Nuisance Business Taskforce	Community Driven Collaborations And Partnership—CAN Centers
2210	Federal Cutbacks And America's Communities	Planning Grassroots Fundraising Events	Accessing National Services Resources To Support Your Projects	Problem Properties Into Assets
2211	The Triple One Paradigm: Neighborhood Association Creation In Response To Social Need	Healing Through History	Kansas City Day Labor Center	Issues Affecting Latino Neighborhoods—Asuntos importantes que afectan la comunidad hispano-en español
2214	Innovative Ideas To Improve The Environment	Connections To Success: Helping Prisoners Successfully Re-Enter The Community	Brownfields Redevelopment For Neighborhoods	Neighborhoods USA/Keep America Beautiful: Building Collaborations For Sustainable Neighborhoods
2215A	Neighborhoods Of The Year (NOTY) Award		Building A Strong Homeless Serving Agency Coalition	Using Psychology To Strengthen Neighborhood Life
2215B	Preparedness—Make It Personal	Strategic Planning	Public Health Neighborhood Preparedness	Neighborhood Plan: A Strategic Plan
2215C	Meet And Greet NUSA Board Candidates **Schedules will be posted.			

## 2006 NUSA Workshop Schedule

Listed on page 2 are the scheduled workshops for the 2006 NUSA Conference that is coming to Kansas City, Missouri this month.

The workshops are categorized in one of the following tracks:

- Neighborhood and Community Safety;
- Faith-based Initiatives;
- Funding and Resources;
- Collaborations;

- Arts and Culture;
- Technology;
- Youth and Education;
- Neighborhood Revitalization;
- Organizing and Operating Neighborhood Associations;
- and Neighborhoods, USA (running for the board)



## 2006 NUSA Presenters From Across The Nation

We have at least 75 presenters coming to this year's conference. When you walk away from the conference, you will have a wealth of information that can be used in your neighborhood. Presenters are coming from...

- |              |                  |                    |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| ✦ Arkansas   | ✦ Massachusetts  | ✦ Oklahoma         |
| ✦ California | ✦ Minnesota      | ✦ Pennsylvania     |
| ✦ Florida    | ✦ Missouri       | ✦ Texas            |
| ✦ Illinois   | ✦ Nebraska       | ✦ Virginia         |
| ✦ Iowa       | ✦ Nevada         | ✦ Washington, D.C. |
| ✦ Kansas     | ✦ North Carolina | ✦ Wisconsin        |



CONFERENCE

### Local Registration Quick Form for the Neighborhoods, USA Conference May 24-27th

Because of some local support, three options exist for you to show your KC pride by being represented at the 2006 Neighborhoods, USA conference:

1. Only local attendees have the opportunity to attend all four workshop sessions, the discussion forums on Thursday, and the annual membership meeting on Saturday, for just \$50 (which covers your membership for one year in the organization). Box lunches will be available for the lunchtime forum for \$12. We do ask that those taking advantage of this opportunity donate 1-2 hours of volunteer time, during the parts of the conference they will not be attending.
2. Local area residents who wish to get a bit more out of their conference experience can also get all of the above, plus an opportunity to go on the neighborhood tours, attend the Midwest's Largest Block Party, and attend all Saturday events, for just \$95 total!  
Both of these options also come with a Wednesday evening viewing of the short film **Holding Ground**, which tells the story of how Dudley Street, in Roxbury, MA, was reborn and revitalized through the efforts of its residents and neighbors.
3. Anyone may attend the full four-day conference for \$175 as well. This includes all conference activities and meal events.

Those wishing to take advantage of option 1 or 2 should fill out the information below and return this half-page to Renea Nash, 414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, along with payment before May 19th! Full registrations can be done online or by mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, Kansas City, MO ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (816) \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Tour Choices (Option 2 only): 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

Full descriptions of the 25 neighborhood tours can be found at <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/nusa-tours>

Thursday Discussion Forums (Option 2 only, choose one): Fighting for Neighborhoods in the Federal Budget, Public Health Neighborhood Preparedness, or Addressing Housing in America's Communities.

Please include an additional \$12.00 if you would like a box lunch (roast beef, turkey, or vegetarian) for the discussion forums.

## Spring Cleaning: Bulky Items

### Bulky Item Program Requirements:

- Place bulky items at the curb **by 7 am** on collection day, or **after 3 pm** the day before.
- Your bulky items will be picked up within three days of your collection day.
- If your collection date falls on a weekend or holiday, place bulky items at the curb on the next business day.
- Place bulky items where they will not be obstructed by parked cars.
- Bulky items beneath tree branches or low hanging wires, in yards or driveways will not be collected.
- Different trucks collect different kinds of bulky items—one for appliances that contain refrigerants, etc. So you may see part of your trash disappear before it all does!
- Collection is provided for all single-family houses and all multi-family dwellings of six units or less.

### The Bulky Item Program DOES ACCEPT:

- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units
- Metal Appliances: stoves, dishwashers, washing

machines, dryers, water heaters, furnaces, metal furniture

- Furniture: couches, tables, fencing, chairs, TVs, beds, mattresses
- Other Bulky Items: bathroom fixtures, cabinets, rugs, garage doors, lawn mowers, railroad ties, disassembled swing sets, large car parts
- Storm windows and glass panes —To help prevent injury, place a large "X" of masking tape across glass panes to prevent shattering and stack them separately from other bulky items.

### The Bulky Item Program DOES NOT ACCEPT:

- Commercial or business trash or waste materials, including trash or waste from businesses conducted in or from a residence
- Piles of stuff, bags or boxes of smaller items
- Loose or scattered materials
- Closed drums or fuel tanks: Metal drums must have both ends removed to be collected
- Automobile bodies or gas tanks

CLEANUPS

## Spring Cleaning: Recycling

By recycling, reusable materials can be recovered from the waste stream and waste disposal costs are reduced. Recycling is collected on the same day that your trash is collected. Recycling is voluntary, so residents can set their recyclables out every week or on an as-needed basis. The blue bin signals the recycling truck to stop, but you can set out more! Eligible households are single family residences and apartments of 6 or fewer units.

**Recycle these items in your bin:** Aluminum cans and other metal cans; Plastic bottles with a neck (look for the #1 & #2 symbols), such as water and soda bottles, milk jugs and detergent bottles; office paper, junk mail, newspapers, phone books, catalogues and magazines; cardboard (thick corrugated and thin cereal box-type).

**Don't put these in your bin:** Glass; Plastic bags; Styrofoam; Motor oil bottles and other automotive product bottles; Egg cartons; Paper towels, tissues or napkins, plates or cups; Waxed containers, like milk cartons or juice boxes; gift wrap; shredded paper; plastic tubs, like yogurt tubs.

**Get your recycling bin!** Call Citizen Service at 513-1313 for a coupon for a free recycling bin (one only). Redeem the coupon for a free bin at select Westlake Ace Hardware and Price Chopper locations.



**Too much for the bin?** Set extra recyclables in cardboard boxes, paper bags or plastic tubs next to the bin. If you have more than two bags of trash, purchase trash tags for the extra bags at Westlake Hardware or Price Chopper.

### South Recycling Drop-off Center Closed

The Recycling Drop-off Center located in the Kmart parking lot on Bannister Road closed permanently on March 19. The closure will not affect the three other drop-off sites; it is due to the reconstruction project that is beginning at that location to accommodate the recent merger of Kmart and Sears. The city is negotiating with a nearby business to relocate within the Three Trails Village Community Improvement District. For more information on the Community Recycling Drop-off program, call Bridging the Gap at 561-1090.

## Spring Cleaning: Tires

Tires are not collected as residential trash, as the Missouri Legislature banned waste tires from landfills. But there are several waste tire disposal options available to residents. Several retail locations that accept waste tires such as **some** *National Tire and Battery, Sears Auto Center, Goodyear Auto Service, Firestone, Tires Plus, Wal-Mart, and Michelin*. Please call your nearest retail location as to whether tires are accepted. For more information and exact locations, visit MARC's website at

[www.marc.org/environment/wastetire.htm](http://www.marc.org/environment/wastetire.htm). MARC also lists permitted tire haulers: ABC Tires, 1410 Intercity Trfwy, (816) 421-5559; Beck's Tire Service, 4950 Stillwell, (816) 241-1155 and 2223 Manchester, (816) 241-8446; Tiro-Block, 2500 Manchester, (816) 861-0419.

Many tires are illegally dumped each year through the City along roads, in ditches and vacant lots, which can lead to other problems. The Solid Waste Division waste tire drop-off program is available to all Kansas City, Missouri residents. The program was developed to assist residents and neighborhoods to safely and properly dispose of waste tires in an effort to clean up our City and build community

pride. A neighborhood group can drop off tires at no charge IF an approved letter from the neighborhood organization is provided at the designated tire drop off location. Residents of Kansas City, Mo., can drop off waste tires at the [Environmental Campus](#), 4707 Deramus, (enter at the Recycling Drop-off Center) on the first Saturday of each month (March through November) during 2006. This service is not for businesses.

Tires may be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, and November 4. You may bring rimmed or rimless tires to the drop-off site. Proof of residence must be provided. Fees for waste tires are as follows:

Car tire per cost:	\$1.50 rimless	\$3.00 w/rims
Truck tire per cost:	\$4.00 rimless	\$8.00 w/rims
Tractor tire per cost:	\$11.00 rimless	\$17.00 w/rims
Lawnmower or bike tire per cost:	\$0.50	
Additional charge per muddy tire:	\$2.00	

For more information, please call the Action Center at (816) 513-1313.

## Spring Cleaning: Leaves and Brush

The City of Kansas City, MO, Public Works Department's leaves and brush drop-off sites reopened March 18.

The two sites are open every Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The sites are at 4707 Deramus Avenue (east of Chouteau Trafficway) and 10301 Raytown Road (south of Interstate 470).

The drop-off site rules are listed below:

- >If you use plastic bags, you must empty them and take them with you
- >No duct tape or wire

>No grass clippings or trash

>Proof of residency, such as driver's license or water bill, is required

>Grandview and Raytown residents may use the sites with a voucher purchased from their respective municipalities.

For more information about the leaves and brush drop-off sites, please call the Action Center at (816) 513-1313.

For more information about composting, visit [www.marc.org/environment/compost.htm](http://www.marc.org/environment/compost.htm).

## Spring Cleaning: Garage Sales

It's that time of the year again, when you clean out the closets, garages, attics, and other storage areas. What are you going to do with those items that you no longer have use for? How about a garage sale? Here are some tips:

- (1) You will have to select the best day for the sale and the time.
- (2) Decide on what items that you are going to sale.
- (3) Organization is a key in the way the items are displayed.
- (4) Advertise your sale at least two (2) weeks prior to the sale.
- (5) Be sure to have a lot of 'change' available.
- (6) Do not accept checks.
- (7) Be prepared to negotiate, so set your prices accordingly. Be sure to mark every item.
- (8) Give the buyers a little room to browse.
- (9) Plan some activities which sets the atmosphere.
- (10) Consider selling some refreshments to increase sales.





**Puzzle: KCMO Neighborhoods.** Find the neighborhood names in the puzzle diagram, using the **bold-type** part of the neighborhood names given on this page. The names are either **across**, **down**, **backward** or **diagonal**. The group names were randomly selected from each City Council District.

PUZZLE

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Association

**Jersey Heights** Neighborhood  
Association

4600 **Lister** Block Club

**Longfellow Renaissance**  
Association

7900-8000 **Madison** Block Club**Northeast** C.A.N. Center

**Old Hyde Park Historic** District  
Neighborhood Association, Inc.

**Pendleton Heights** Neighborhood  
Association

**Red Bridge** Homes Association**Rockhill** Homes Association**Ruskin Hills** Homes Association

**South Round Top** Neighborhood  
Association

**Sunset Hill** Neighborhood  
Association

**Terrace Lake Garden** Homes  
Association

**Tower** Homes Association

**Union Hill** Neighborhood  
Association

**Villas Property Owners**  
Association

**Waldo** Homes Association

**Wendell Phillips** Community  
Association

**Westport Neighbors United****Westside** C.A.N. Center

**Winnwood—Sunnybrook**  
Community Council

**Wornall Pines** Neighborhood  
Association

**Amherst** Neighborhood Association**Crestview** Homes Association

**Barry Harbor Hunter's Ridge**  
Homes Association

**East Area** C.A.N. Center**Blue Hills** C.A.N. Center

**East 23<sup>rd</sup> St. PAC** Neighborhood  
Association

**Blue Hills Estates** Homes  
Association

3700-3800 **Flora** Block Club49/63 **C.A.N.** Center

**Foxtown East** Neighborhood  
Association

**Chelsea Park** Community Group**Green Haven** Neighborhood

## Lunch and Learns Moving!

The Thursday's Solutions lunch-and-learn sessions are no longer being held at the Mohart Center due to construction and remodeling going on there. The next few months will be located as follows:

- ★ May: *cancelled due to NUSA conference!*
- ★ June 22: **Neighborhood Preservation Division**, on property maintenance/nuisance code enforcement; will take place at the **Brush Creek Community Center, 3801 E. Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.**
- ★ July 27: **Mediation program** of the Human Relations Department; will take place at the **Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street—free parking!**
- ★ Aug. 24: **Safe City Initiative**, on their programs and activities; will take place at the **Bluford Library, 3050 Prospect Avenue.**
- ★ Sept. 28: **Animal Safety and Pet Licensing**; will take place at the **Waldo Library, 201 E. 75th Street.**

## Attention Newsletter Editors

The role of a newsletter editor, or in some cases the newsletter staff, has an invaluable position to the neighborhood by delivering accurate and readable information.

The newsletter communicates and informs neighbors about 'needed' information that affects the community. If you are looking for ways to enhance your newsletter's appearance, here are a few *suggested* links that provide tips to writing and editing your newsletter:

- [http://desktoppub.about.com/od/newsletters/a/newsletter\\_part.htm](http://desktoppub.about.com/od/newsletters/a/newsletter_part.htm)
- [http://www.graphic-design.com/DTG/Design/newsletter\\_mistakes/index.html](http://www.graphic-design.com/DTG/Design/newsletter_mistakes/index.html)
- <http://www.topstory.ca/newsletters.html>
- <http://www.aboutmyhoa.com/fndnewsletter.htm>
- <http://textorservice.com/designtips.htm>

Do you need information beyond what we provide? You may wish to sign up for the City's new e-mail newsletters, such as the City Manager's **Insight** message, by visiting <http://www.kcmo.org/subscription> and entering your email address. Other subscription messages are available there as well!

## Election Guide 2007

The City Clerk's office has posted a guide to the city council and mayoral election that will be coming next year. Information about filing for office, qualifications, petitions, tax disclosures, and key dates are at <http://www.kcmo.org/kcmo.nsf/web/2007election>.

Many of the documents needed to run for an office are downloadable from the website as well. Filing opens November 22nd, 2006 in Kansas City, MO.

If you have any questions, contact the City Clerk, Millie Crossland, at 816-513-3360 or by e-mail at [millie\\_crossland@kcmo.org](mailto:millie_crossland@kcmo.org). Further information on candidates will be posted when it is made available.

The election itself will be on March 27th, 2007, with the primaries held one month prior, on Feb. 27th.

## Adopt-a-Street Program

The Adopt-a-Street Program in Kansas City, Missouri has been languishing somewhat in recent years, but no more! A new coordinator for the program, Cedric Norton, is improving and re-energizing the Adopt-a-Street options that neighborhoods, churches, businesses and individuals have at their disposal.

The program asks that participants do three things:

- a) choose a six-block (half mile) minimum length of a city-owned street to adopt that is not currently taken under the program;
- b) clean the area at least once every 45 days for a year;
- c) all volunteers must sign and notarize a waiver of liability for the City for their activities as part of the Adopt-a-Street program;

That's it! The program provides signs with your name or organization's name on it, special trash bags, and orange safety vests that volunteers can wear while working.

There are many, many streets that are not yet adopted in our City; it can be a fun, easy program for a family or neighborhood or church group to take on, and provides a bit of civic pride and an immeasurable benefit in making our city a cleaner, more friendly place to live in.

You can contact Cedric Norton at 816-513-2680 or by e-mail at [cedric\\_norton@kcmo.org](mailto:cedric_norton@kcmo.org) for more information.



**The City of Kansas City, Missouri**  
**Neighborhood and Community**  
**Services Department (NCSD)**  
*"Nothing Can Stop Dedication"*

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*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap  
but by the seeds that you plant."  
—Robert Louis Stevenson, (1850-1894)*

## **Community Policing Officers**

Each Patrol Division of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department has dedicated staff who work on community policing, neighborhood watch, and other citizen-based crime prevention efforts.

They can be contacted as follows:

- ★ North: Officer Dan Watts, 437-6236,  
[dwatts@kcpd.org](mailto:dwatts@kcpd.org)
- ★ Shoal Creek: Officer Markus Smith, 467-7204,  
[msmith@kcpd.org](mailto:msmith@kcpd.org)
- ★ Central: Officer Diane Soligo, 759-6328,  
[diane.soligo@kcpd.org](mailto:diane.soligo@kcpd.org)
- ★ East: Officer David De La Mare, 482-8506,  
[ddelamare@kcpd.org](mailto:ddelamare@kcpd.org)
- ★ Metro: Officer John Trainor, 349-6428,  
[jtrainor@kcpd.org](mailto:jtrainor@kcpd.org)
- ★ South: Officer Tony D'Andrea, 672-2828,  
[tdandrea@kcpd.org](mailto:tdandrea@kcpd.org)

## **CCS Services Continue!**

For additional copies of this newsletter or previous issues, neighborhood group and property owner listings for your neighborhood, assistance with finding speakers for your meetings, help duplicating your neighborhood group newsletter or flyers, aid in starting (or restarting) your group, or information about crime prevention topics and presentations, please contact us at:

The Center for Community Solutions Division (CCS) at (816) **784-4515**, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm or visit our website at <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/ccs> .

Remember, **we are currently located at City Hall, 4th Floor, West Side, *not* at the Mohart Center**, which is being refurbished. We expect to return to our former location sometime in December 2006 or early 2007, if all goes well.

Thank you for your understanding.

— The Center for Community Solutions Staff